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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Citizens Committee

FROM: Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2009**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 12:00 Noon, RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County
Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County
Ms. Jackie Dye, Shelby County
Mr. Willie Osborne, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jeff Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County
Ms. Thelma Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County
Ms. Judy Gordon, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham
Mr. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham

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Ms. Doris Powell, Vice Chairman, City of Birmingham
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham
Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. John Saddler, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Butch Ferrell, South / Southwest Jefferson County
Mr. Michael Morrison, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jim Ketchersid, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Steffen Waendelin, South / Southeast Jefferson County

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steve Ostaseski, RPC
Mr. Charles Ball, RPC
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC
Mr. Tom Maxwell, RPC
Mr. Greg Wingo, RPC
Mr. Scott Tillman, RPC
Ms. Yvonne Murray, RPC
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, RPC
Ms. Barbara Newman, JCDH
Mr. Jason Howanitz, JCDH
Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH
Mr. John Echols, ALDOT
Ms. Ruth Wright, League of Women Voters
Mr. Courtney Newton, United Way
Ms. Anna Brown, Birmingham
Ms. Willa Dean Hinson, Leeds
Mr. Jerrel Leonard, Birmingham
Ms. Carolyn Wynn, League of Women Voters

Chairman Ouida Fritschi called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. The meeting then proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski was introduced to the committee. Mr. Kaczorowski is the newest planner with the RPC, replacing Mary Grace Lewandowski, who moved to St. Louis several months back. Mr. Kaczorowski is an Engineer with a planning background and comes to the RPC from the Utah Department of Transportation.

Attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Johnny Peebles, III made a motion to approve the June 17, 2009 minutes. Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Steve Ostaseski presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO reviewed a five-minute simulation video for the In-Town Transit Partnership that will be included as part of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grants for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure programs. The MPO also reviewed the "Trained In" video. The video discusses the Colledgeville neighborhood and the hardships of being surrounded by railroad tracks on all sides.

The MPO reviewed the revised schedule for adopting of the Regional Transportation Plan.

A request was made to have RPC staff email the link to the ITP simulation video and to resend the July 23rd ALDOT Public Involvement Meeting notice for the Finley Extension.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Steve Ostaseski presented information on the transportation planning program areas and projects to be conducted in FY 2010 by the Regional Planning Commission and the Alabama Department of Transportation, including third-party contractors.

Seven task areas consistent with the RPC Work Program goals were discussed, including:

1. Administration.
2. Data Collection and Analysis.
3. Unified Planning Work Program.
4. Public Involvement.
5. Environmental Mitigation and Streamlining.
6. Transportation Systems.
7. Special Projects and Corridor Management Planning.

The TCC was requested to review the projects and provide comments on tasks that can be incorporated into the work program. The MPO is responsible for adoption of the proposed work program including funding sources and the RPC Executive Committee is responsible for programming staff and match dollars in its annual budget for the funding sources in order to complete the planning projects.

Dr. Johnny Peebles, III made a motion to approve the FY 2010 UPWP task areas and tasks. Ms. Jackie Dye seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a list of TIP request modifications, included below:

ALDOT Request – Recovery Act 2009 Enhancement Projects

<u>STMTE</u> <u>TE09</u> <u>(912)</u>	100053868	Landscaping along SR-119 in front of American Village, Montevallo in Shelby County	8/12/2009	CN	12/15/2009	2010	\$406,918.88	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8
<u>STMTE</u> <u>TE09</u> <u>(922)</u>	100053939	Watkins Creek Bridge widening for pedestrian in the City of Mountain Brook. This project is located at Watkins Bridge Road in Mountain Brook	8/12/2009	CN	12/15/2009	2010	\$282,000.00	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8
<u>STMTE</u> <u>TE09</u> <u>(944)</u>	100054054	Landscape enhancements at I-65 and U.S. Highway 31 in the City of Hoover. This project is located on I-65 intersecting at U.S. 31 in the City of Hoover	8/12/2009	CN	12/15/2009	2010	\$399,150.00	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8

These requests are for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

Dr. Johnny Peebles, III made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion. Discussion was given regarding the funding of enhancement projects instead of transferring funding to transit. Mr. Steve Ostaseski noted that enhancement dollars are a separate fund from transit funding. The motion passed on a voice vote with one no vote.

OUR COMMUNITY TO ROADMAP TO HEALTH

Ms. Barbara Newman of the Jefferson County Department of Health presented information on the Community Roadmap to Health. The document included information on:

The Essential Public Health Services

1. Monitor health status
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems
3. Inform, educate and empower people
4. Mobilize communities to address health problems
5. Develop policies and plans
6. Enforce laws and regulations
7. Link people to needed health services
8. Assure a competent workforce - public health and personal care
9. Evaluate health services
10. Conduct research for new innovations

Public health is a *system* of partnerships that includes, but is not limited to:

Churches
Business
Environmental health
Community Services
Community Coalitions
Philanthropy
Churches

Schools
Healthcare Providers
Mental health
Transportation
Justice & Law Enforcement
Media

A Strategic Approach to Community Health Improvement: Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships:

Public Health System Assessment
Organize for Success : Partnership Development
Visioning
Four MAPP Assessments

1. Community Themes & Strengths Assessment
2. Local Public Health System Assessment
3. Community Health Status Assessment
4. Forces of Change Assessment

Identify Strategic Issues
Formulate Goals and Strategies
Evaluate – Plan – Implement

Strategic Issues and Goals:

1. Healthy Lifestyles: Priority Health Concerns
 - Goal 1 Prevent or manage chronic medical conditions
 - Goal 2 Decrease the number of children diagnosed as overweight or obese
 - Goal 3 Decrease abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
 - Goal 4 Develop targeted, unified messages for people to make healthy choices
 - Goal 5 Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
 - Goal 6 Decrease cultural, language, social and economic barriers that negatively impact community cohesiveness
2. Livable Communities for Community Health
 - Goal 1 Improve safety throughout communities
 - Goal 2 Improve environmental quality
 - Goal 3 Increase ways to be physically active in all new housing developments and shopping areas
 - Goal 4 Preserve and revitalize each neighborhood.
 - Goal 5 Work toward a county development plan with participation from all cities
 - Goal 6 Support development of a viable and integrated mass transportation system
3. Health as a Real Option: Access to Care
 - Goal 1 Link all children to appropriate health insurance coverage
 - Goal 2 Increase mental health resources throughout the community
 - Goal 3 Increase the availability & access to services for targeted populations

Goal 4 Develop workforce competencies throughout the public health system

4. Setting the Course for Action: Public Policy

Goal 1 Encourage and support collaboration among public health system partners

Goal 2 Involve the community, including special populations, in policy development to increase funding for policy implementation

Goal 3 Engage policy leaders in all efforts to increase healthy lifestyles as a priority public health issue

Goal 4 Consolidate data from public health partners to one source for broad dissemination

The Health Action Partnership is made up of 60 organizations

OTHER

Chairman Ouida Fritschi reviewed a list of upcoming meetings of interest to the group. Meetings included:

- Transportation Technical Committee, July 22nd 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee, June 23rd, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- MPO, August 12th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

The next meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 12:00 Noon, RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman
Transportation Citizens Committee

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